

# HOUSE BILL No. 1421

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** None (noncode).

**Synopsis:** Government efficiency study commission. Reestablishes the government efficiency study commission (which expired January 1, 2005). Authorizes the commission to review all state funded agencies, departments, and programs, and to make recommendations to improve efficiency and reduce waste or other unnecessary costs. Requires the commission to make its final recommendations before December 31, 2006.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning state offices and administration.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **As used in this**  
2 **act, "commission" refers to the government efficiency commission**  
3 **established by subsection (c).**

4       (b) **As used in this act, "state educational institution" has the**  
5 **meaning set forth in IC 20-12-0.5-1.**

6       (c) **The government efficiency commission is established.**

7       (d) **The commission consists of the following members:**

8           (1) **One (1) co-chairperson appointed before July 16, 2005, by**  
9 **the president pro tempore of the senate.**

10          (2) **One (1) co-chairperson appointed before July 16, 2005, by**  
11 **the speaker of the house of representatives.**

12          (3) **Ten (10) members appointed before August 16, 2005, by**  
13 **the president pro tempore of the senate, five (5) of those**  
14 **members appointed with the advice and consent of the**  
15 **minority leader of the senate.**

16          (4) **Ten (10) members appointed before August 16, 2005, by**  
17 **the speaker of the house of representatives, five (5) of those**  
18 **members appointed with the advice and consent of the**



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minority leader of the house of representatives.

(e) The following may not be members of the commission:

(1) An elected or appointed state or local official.

(2) An employee or a person receiving a pension or other retirement benefit related to service to any of the following:

(A) A state educational institution.

(B) A school corporation or a charter school.

(C) The state or any agency of the state.

(3) A person who has a direct business relationship with any of the following:

(A) A state educational institution.

(B) A public school corporation.

(C) The state or any agency of the state.

(D) An elected or appointed state agency official.

(E) The general assembly or any of its members.

(f) A member of the commission is not entitled to a salary per diem.

(g) A member of the commission is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the legislative council's travel policies and procedures.

(h) The commission shall meet upon the call of the co-chairpersons.

(i) The co-chairpersons may advise the president pro tempore of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the minority leader of the house of representatives concerning the appointment of other members of the commission.

(j) A quorum of the commission must be present to conduct business. A quorum consists of a majority of the voting members appointed to the commission.

(k) The commission may not take an official action unless the official action has been approved by at least a majority of the voting members appointed to serve on the commission.

(l) The co-chairpersons may establish and appoint commission members to subcommittees as the co-chairpersons consider appropriate to carry out the commission's duties under subsection (n). The co-chairpersons shall name the chairperson of each subcommittee.

(m) The co-chairpersons may appoint advisory members to assist the commission or a subcommittee. An advisory member who is appointed under this subsection:

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(1) may not vote on any matter before the commission or a subcommittee;

(2) serves at the pleasure of the co-chairpersons; and

(3) is not entitled to a salary per diem but is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the advisory member's duties, as provided in the legislative council's travel policies and procedures.

(n) The commission shall do the following:

(1) Review all state funded agencies, departments, and programs.

(2) Make recommendations to improve efficiency and reduce waste or other unnecessary costs associated with any state funded agency, department, or program.

(o) The commission may accept donations to carry out the purposes of this act.

(p) The following persons shall serve as staff advisers to the commission:

(1) The state budget director.

(2) The commissioner of the commission for higher education.

(3) The Indiana state board of education administrator.

(4) The executive director of the legislative services agency.

(q) The commission shall provide its final recommendations before December 31, 2006, to the following:

(1) The governor.

(2) The general assembly.

(r) This SECTION expires July 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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